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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

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SUBJECT: ABSENTEE DOYEN

1. WITH DEPARTURE FROM HELSINKI OF HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR RONAI AT END OF 1975, MOST SENIOR CHIEFS OF MISSION ACCREDITED TO HELSINKI HAVE BEEN RESIDENT ELSEWHERE. AN ABSENTEE DOYEN PREVENTS ACTIVE FUNCTIONING OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS. FINNISH AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT CHANGED THEIR PRACTICE OF CONSIDERING AS DOYEN IN A FORMAL SENSE AT LEAST, THE LONGEST ACCREDITED AMBASSADOR WHETHER RESIDENT IN HELSINKI OR NOT.

2. FORTHCOMING DEPARTURE OF SENIOR RESIDENT AMBASSADOR FROM ITALY (WHO HAS BEEN IN POOR HEALTH AND NOT ANXIOUS TO BE AN ACTIVE HEAD OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS) HAS CAUSED SOME MISSION CHIEFS CONSIDER WISDOM OF URGING FINNS RECOGNIZE NEXT MOST SENIOR RESIDENT AMBASSADOR (FROM AUSTRIA) AS FULL-FLEDGED DOYEN ON GROUNDS NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR CANNOT FULFILL ROLE OF DEAN.

3. REQUEST ADVICE OF DEPARTMENT RE PRECEDENCE FOR HOST GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING ONLY A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR AS ELIGIBLE TO BE DEAN OF CORPS.
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